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Happy New Year



# The Shakerite



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## Shaker Grad Graduates to Ranks Of Guest Soloist for Concert

A former Shaker student will be returning this year for Christmas Vacation with a purpose other than the usual renewal of old friendships. Elizabeth Anne Wright, a 1957 graduate returns from college in New York to be featured as the guest soloist at the Christmas Concert given annually by Shaker's singing groups.

Miss Wright has a history of music at Shaker, for she was accompanist for both A Cappella Choir and Chanticleers during her high school career. She did not limit herself to only these time-consuming activities, however, for she was a member of Y-Teens, French Club, Honor Study Hall, and took active part in volleyball, basketball, and hockey intramurals.

Her schedule was even busier than these activities show, for she took instruction with Leonard Shur, the noted concert pianist, at the Cleveland Music School Settlement. After graduation from Shaker, Miss Wright left Cleveland to continue her studies under Mr. Shur at David Mannes College in New York. She is now a junior there and practices eight hours a day as an artist-pupil. Eventually she hopes to become a full-fledged concert pianist.

Miss Wright returns December 18 to present a program of selections from Mozart, Schubert, Chopin, and Debussy. From the works of Mozart she will play Sonata in A Major, from Schubert Impromptu in C minor, from Chopin, Polonaise in C minor, and from Debussy will come two pieces, La Cathédrale Engloutie and Reflets dans L'Eau.



## Homerooms Play Santa Claus To Spread Christmas Spirit

Christmas will be more than "just another day" in the homes of fifty-nine needy Cleveland families. As a result of Shaker's Welfare Drive, many children will see toys under their Christmas trees for the first time.

During the week of December 7, homerooms "adopted" families desiring financial support to brighten their holiday season. Each homeroom participated on a voluntary basis. Some worked outside of the Student Council to deliver food and clothing to their families. The County Welfare Bureau furnished the needy cases.

The welfare program has proved successful in past years. It gives worthy families who are being helped by the county an extra lift, and enables them to obtain badly needed articles.

One of the beneficiaries of our Welfare Drive is Mrs. Etta G., who must support 14 children. She recently underwent a serious operation and has been ordered to do as little work as possible. Mrs. G. would appreciate money for material to make clothing.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. are an elderly couple. Mr. C. is blind and his wife works in the community caring for the sick. The knowledge that someone is thinking of them

will be a welcome gift at holiday time.

The families have expressed their appreciation for the assistance given them by the Shaker students. A member of County Welfare writes: "How fortunate we are in Cleveland to have many fine young folks who generously give of their time so that the less fortunate can enjoy a happy holiday season."

The Choir alumni in the audience will then join the A Cappella Choir, Glee Club, Singers Club in the singing of the traditional Hallelujah Chorus.

## Student Council Debate Ponders Fate Of Christmas Tree; It Almost Wasn't

Would Shaker have a Christmas tree this year? This question was the subject of a heated debate in the Student Council meeting on November 24.

For 20 minutes representatives discussed the feasibility of the Student Council's refusing to buy the tree this year. The Council finally decided to carry on the tradition of the past seven years by paying for it. The Social Council

### Dates to Remember

Dec. 18	8:30 Christmas concert
Dec. 19	2:00 Euclid Relays—swimming
	7:00 Basketball at Heights
	8:30-12 Christmas Dance
Dec. 30	7:00 Basketball at St. Joseph
Jan. 4	School Reopens
Jan. 5	Wrestling at Maple Heights
Jan. 8	Kent State Relays—swimming
	Basketball—Parma, here
Jan. 9	Basketball at Lutheran West
	College Boards (mornings)
Jan. 13	Swimming at Lakewood
Jan. 14	Wrestling at Shaw

## Council President Proposes Novel Student Aid Program

By Don Stanford

President Steve Hrones is doing his best to keep his promise that changes will be made at Shaker this year, by proposing a student aid program.

## Faculty Approves Twelve-Week Plan

**BULLETIN:** At the Faculty Meeting, December 9, the teachers approved a 12 week trial period for the Student Council student aid program. The test period will commence at the beginning of the second semester. Student-tutors will be required to obtain their parents' consent.

## Traditional Carols to Highlight Choir's Annual Alumni Concert

The annual Christmas concert will be presented tonight, Friday, December 18, at 8:30 p.m. the Glee Club and Singers Club will sing as one group numbering 105 voices.

The Singers Club and Glee Club open the program. They sing six songs of which the first is a spiritual, "Elijah Rock." The other songs are for Christmas. Included in these are "Carol of the Drum," a Czech Carol, and "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," the words of which were written by

Take the hint, and PLUNGE into the Christmas spirit by attending the Alumni Concert tonight. Tickets are seventy-five cents.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Elizabeth Wright, a 1957 graduate, will then play a Mozart Sonata and Schubert Impromptu on the piano. Following that four Christmas carols will be sung by the choir. In a Scotch air called "A Scotch Lullaby," Debby Lipkowitz will sing a solo. Tony Carao will be the soloist in "Loola Jesu."

Following an intermission, Miss Wright will play "Chopin Polonaise," "Sunken Cathedral," by Debussy, and "Reflections in Water," also by Debussy. The A Cappella Choir will sing four more songs. The first is called "Madame Jeanette" and has been translated from the French.

The Choir alumni in the audience will then join the A Cappella Choir, Glee Club, Singers Club in the singing of the traditional Hallelujah Chorus.

## Swinging Students Savor Sound of the Mello-Dees

The Mello-Dees who make their television debut Saturday, January 16, at 9:30 a.m., played at Shaker last Friday night, December 11.

After the Shaker vs. Lakewood basketball game, last Friday, there was an open house in the Girls' Gym and the Social Room. There was no admission charge, the snack bar was open, and the Mello-Dees Swing Dance played.

The band consists of Jack Schulman, who plays the vibraphone, Mel Wasserman, who plays the saxophone, Bill Weiss, who plays the bass, Jim Weiss, who plays the drums, and Mike Herzbrun, who plays the piano. Mel, Bill, Jim, and Jack are seniors at Shaker, while Mike is a senior at Orange.

## Hi-Y Club Celebrates Christmas With Fun-Filled Fete for Fifty

Santa Claus, ice cream, gifts, and games—what more could a young boy or girl wish for? All this and more will be part of the party for underprivileged children given by the senior chapter of Shaker's Hi-Y.

The party, which is an annual affair, will be held December 20 at the YMCA in Cleveland Heights. Fifty boys and girls between the ages of seven and nine will be picked by the Woodland Center, a neighborhood organization, to be the guests of 25 Hi-Y members and their dates. Each teen-ager will be responsible for one youngster during the afternoon.

First on the program for the day will be the entertainment. In past years the Hi-Y has obtained the services of the Chanticleers, various magicians, and several other performers. This year it hopes to have a magician to entertain. In addition, there will be games for the children.

A real treat will be in store for the underprivileged boys and girls,

The student aid program was designed for those students who wish to improve their grades in any subjects. The program will be administrated by a clearing-house type of committee made up of Student Council members.

To apply for help a student must procure the signature, on a special form, of the subject teacher in which extra help is desired. On the form he lists his free time and gives an indication of a specific topic in which help is desired. This form is to be returned to room 231 and will be returned to the student on the following day with complete instructions.

The student aid is to be given during free time convenient to both student and helper. If a student wishing help has no free time during school, arrangements will be made for an appointment after school. If the student is in need of weekly help, every effort will be made to assign the same assistant each week.

Student assistants will be selected from all classes of the student body. All students wishing to give aid must secure a note of approval from a teacher in the area where help is to be given. Students receiving aid and not carrying their part of the load will be dropped from the program.

A teacher may request student assistants on conference nights or that particular students take advantage of the aid program. After a 12-week trial, questionnaires will be sent to teachers and students for evaluation.

This proposal was approved by the Student Council on November 24, and at a special meeting December 9, was accepted by the staff and the administration. It is hoped that the program will be initiated toward the end of the first semester.

because none other than Saint Nicholas will be at the YMCA to distribute a gift to every child. Saint Nick will really be Hi-Y member Dave Wenger.

Refreshments will be an important part of the afternoon. Cookies, cupcakes, milk, and candy will provide energy and nourishment for everyone.

In charge of the affair this year are the Senior Chapter President, Ray King, and his committee chairmen. These chairmen are Bob Hosler, refreshments; Jim Zucker and Lou Black, entertainment; and Chuck Pitcock, gifts. As the advisor of the senior Hi-Y, Fred Holzhauser was asked about the parties of other years, and replied, "They are always quite an experience!"

# Student Aid Can Help

The Student Council's Student Aid program may become a valuable asset to the list of academic activities at Shaker. Individual assistance appears to be the main feature of the plan which would have students who have gained proficiency in a subject assisting students who wish to gain proficiency.

While the chief beneficiaries of the plan will be the students receiving aid, the student tutors will receive a valuable review of the material they have previously covered. In mathematics, the review may be particularly valuable. The College Board's morning section on mathematics relies on the student's knowledge of fundamentals and of the student's facility with their use. A review of these principles should provide advanced students with a more thorough grasp of the subject.

Although a review of grammar may not be so advantageous to the tutor, he should receive a general improvement in his level of comprehension. The study of foreign languages is another area that derives benefits from review.

The tutored will be taught by other students who have previously studied the material and can easily comprehend the difficulties of its absorption. The Advanced Placement courses has prepared many students for the task of tutoring. Student teaching of entire classes by certain math students has resulted in adequate coverage of subject matter.

The student body, in general, has a good comprehension of subjects already completed and is prepared to offer assistance to students now enrolled in the courses. It is conceivable that students may receive aid in one subject and give aid in another.

The tutored will benefit only if qualified students volunteer for the teaching part of the program. The program will succeed in proportion to the enthusiasm and seriousness of purpose of the participants.

The Student Aid Program should succeed, but it can only succeed if a spirit of cooperation between student, tutor, and teacher is obtained. The Council has given the plan a vote of confidence, it now remains for the students to give the plan a vote of confidence.

# Save Your Shakerites

A well known Chinese proverb states, "One picture is worth a thousand words." In the 1960 Gristmill, which will be distributed in June, will appear the photographic panorama of a year at Shaker High School. However, no matter how many thousands of words a picture represents, it cannot tell the whole story; it is for this reason that your school newspaper, the *Shakerite*, is published. Although now the *Shakerite* may seem to be just black ink and white paper, fifteen years from now, when memories of Shaker fade in the haze of time, your *Shakerite* will be an invaluable record of your days at Shaker. Save the *Shakerite* as the printed supplement of your annual Gristmill.

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## Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

"Because of the limited amount of time, this assembly will have to be cut short." How many times have you heard this statement? If you are unfortunate enough to go to second assemblies you've probably heard this often—like at every assembly!

We are sick and tired of missing half the assembly! Is there any reason why assembly groups cannot be switched every other time? This method would certainly be a great improvement over the present situation.

Hoping for improvement,  
Betsy Gould and Katie Glick

## Brass Choir Brings Instrumental Music

A ten-piece brass choir has been added to the ranks of Shaker's musical organizations this month. Directed by band director Francis Hammond. The choir consists of trumpet, trombone, French horn, and baritone players who also play in the marching band.

The group, which began practicing shortly after Thanksgiving, devotes its time to the playing of Christmas music. The arrangements consist of three and four parts; the number of parts that can be played and the desire for an unusual tone have limited membership in the choir.

Members of the group include: Bruce Alexander, Ray Ornstein, Ed Schor, trumpet; Frank Gerlak, Ray Leanza, Peter Theisen, trombone; Tom Allyne, Allan Erbe, Roger Hyatt, French horn; Stanley Kann, baritone.

On December 9 the choir played before the music parents' group. Engagements at Halle's and other places are being sought.

## Carolers Bring Song To Shopping Center

Christmas brings to mind carols and carol singing "Going-a-caroling" in the spirit of Christmas are the A Cappella Choir and the Chanticleers.

The A Cappella Choir, directed by Reynold E. Ellits, performed downtown on the night of December 1, in the Rose Memorial Shell. Here they sang traditional Christmas carols. They also performed at Van Aken Center.

With candles burning brightly the Choir participated, together with the Glee Club and the Singers' Club in the Christmas Assembly, December 17. "Christmas, a Joyous Month for All," with Jeff Brooks and Jana Berne as narrators telling the stories of Chanukah and Christmas, was sung along with other familiar carols.

The Chanticleers, composed of 24 members from the A Cappella Choir, sang, December 10, at the Cleveland Terminal. They also will be a part of the entertainment for the annual Christmas Dance, December 19. Together with such Christmas songs as "Carol of the Bells," they will sing "Sentimental Journey" and "Just One of Those Things." After the Christmas holidays this group plans to perform for the Rotary Club.

President of the A Cappella Choir this year is Steve Davies and Jackie Dostal is the president of the Chanticleers.

# Corny Orny

### PETER B. REVISITED

Several years ago the "Shakerite" was fortunate to have on its staff an outstanding humour columnist, Peter Bergman. The following are choice excerpts from his column "Look and See with Peter B."

I have just received the results of an impartial survey that prove—the average Shaker student can miss every English class, do a minimum of homework, and still take the final exam in the regular time—and fail.

In my last column I had an article describing the mating call of the meadowlark. I've had thousands of requests to repeat that article—mainly from meadowlarks. This week my subject is crickets. Many people are living under the misapprehension that the cricket is the only animal that makes music by rubbing its legs together. They forgot Elvis Presley. In the next issue I will discuss the controversial subject, "Do Erector Sets Eat Their Young?"

### The bus to Formosa has been cancelled.

For those of you who don't have the time or energy to go out for varsity sports, I am offering my "Be a Joe Athlete Kit." It comes complete with—

- 1) A box of Instant Sweat
- 2) A teeshirt with the words "One of the Team" on the back
- 3) A collapsible coach (easily inflated with hot air)
- 4) A huge trophy with a figure on the top that could be doing almost anything
- 5) A letter-sweater with a variety of letters (football, baseball, jai alai, bullfighting, sticker-licking, going up the Down stairs)
- 6) A picture of the wrestling team carrying Zip Zednik on their shoulders
- 7) A picture of Zip Zednik carrying the wrestling team on his shoulders

I predict that if Mr. Bristol continues going at his present rate he will someday erase something he hasn't written and will immediately disappear into the fourth dimension in a cloud of chalk dust.

It is rumored that Ricky Rivitz, business manager of the school, has left for Mexico. This is not true. He was seen just today, pulling into the parking lot in his new Eldorado.

NOTE: I have taken the liberty of bringing some of Pete's witticisms up to date—Corny Orny. And now,

### CORNY ORNY STRIKES BACK

There was standing room only at the last tennis match of the year. Benches will be installed this spring.

Sneaky Trick of the Week—giving out demerit notices so long after the offense is committed that you can't remember the excuses you had prepared.

A Gristmill homeroom picture is a device designed to take the conceit out of you.

For a school Christmas project this year why don't we send free tubes of toothpaste to those millions of destitute people who can't afford to brush after every meal.

### SHORT SHOTS

The Chemistry Department has found the secret to student success—the Fehling solution.

It is not true that the Morill Act of 1862, which established land-grant colleges, has been repealed by the Immorill Act of 1959.

To please the Greek element at Shaker, the Shakerite will supplement its present Junior, Senior, and Sophomore columns with a Doric Column.

The name of Kinsman Road has been changed, much to the chagrin of its opponents.

The U.S. has a new foreign aid policy—it's giving the underdeveloped countries marionettes with no strings attached.

Fourth-year French teachers are now choosing from among their top students the one to be the next premier of France—there are no Frenchmen left who haven't held the job.

This year's convention of the International Electric Shavers Manufacturers Association will be held at the Bristles World Fair.

Russian cigarettes now have less czars and more Nikitatine.

Q. I have been fixed up with a certain Shaker girl. I don't know her name, but her locker number is 7432. Can you tell me a little about her?

A. She's about 5 ft. 3, blonde hair, blue eyes, a nice figure, intelligent, and she drives her own pink Corvette. She steals,



## All the Dirt That's Fit to Print

By Mr. Clean

Christmas is almost here and everyone is racing around doing their last minute shopping. For those of you who have not as yet decided what to get that very special someone, Mr. Clean offers the following timely hints. He suggests that:

Janice Classen give Danny Freeman's a year's supply of Twill.

Emmie Stonehill give Brian Kutash a year.

Jeff Korach give Janet Laurie elevator shoes.

Dick Van Dyck give Judy Lowry stockings so that she can have a run too.

Pat Connell give Tom Stevens a private secretary.

"Kuh!" give Mr. Szwaja a Mr. Magoo cartoon.

Mr. Clean also hopes that Santa Claus will bring Larry Singerman one of his front teeth, and will send to Ronnie Kulberg a pair of ice skates and some skating lessons at Northfield Plaza.

As a special service to Mr. MacKeigan, Mr. Clean is printing the following clean joke so that Shaker's answer to Maurice Chevalier may cut it out and frame it for future reference:

"Bring out the meatballs, Mother, we're coming to a fork in the road."

And as a special Christmas treat Pere Noel gives him the following "gems" to add to his repertoire:

"Stop yelling through the screen door, Mother, you're straining your voice."

"Get off the stove, Grandma, you know you're too old to ride the range."

As one of Santa's official helpers, Mr. Clean has been hard at work discovering what some of our fellow classmates want for Christmas. When asked what they would like to find in their stocking on Christmas morning, Shakerites replied as follows:

Val Restivo	—a Corvette and a horse
Dave Vale	—an Alfred Lata Chemistry Set
Sharon Ganim	—an automatic parallel-parker
Sue Gries	—the answers to Mrs. Jones' quizzes
Hank Schoenberger	—toys, toys, and more toys
Busy Boorse	—a finished biology project
Wendy Ludwig	—a plane ticket to New Orleans
Rita Comella	—another stocking

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## The Brothers Smith Bring Yuletide Bliss

By Joel Stein

Uncomfortable nestled in between the E. R. Brookes Building and the Allied Tin and Copper Company was a dingy gray house. Once the home of the Gybbes family, the grandiose edifice had proudly overlooked the Gybbes farm and the Gybbes carriage house and the Gybbes gatehouse and all the other things which were J. W. Gybbes's. But with the failure of the Gybbes Railroad, the family was forced to move to less spacious surroundings, selling the land and, in a moment of unequalled generosity, donating the old house to the city, "to be used by some charitable organization." And so it happened that the J. W. Gybbes Memorial Home for Orphans was founded. But now, in place of the rolling green pastures which had once faced the house, there was a dark and dirty alley, which joined two equally dark and dirty streets.

Inside the old wooden house lived 150 wards of the city. Here in a desperately overcrowded building, they worked and ate and laughed and slept and cried—and hoped. And in this little world lived Anne, eight, John, seven, and the twins Robert and Lisa, six. When they had been found abandoned in a railroad station four years before, the city begrudgingly claimed them and placed them in the home. In the J. W. Gybbes Memorial Home for Orphans one grew up quickly, and these four

were no exceptions. But having each other, these children know the meaning of love, and experience rarely encountered in the Home. And unlike the others, these four never seemed to be unhappy.

The Christmas of 1898 was an exceptionally bleak one for the inmates of the Home. The city was deep in the red, and it was deemed impossible to distribute the customary Christmas candy to the orphans. And so, Christmas Eve in the orphanage was spent singing carols half-heartedly around the weather-worn pine tree, decked with a few strings of popcorn.

The next day, after a comparatively sumptuous Christmas dinner, the children proceeded to the kitchen to help with the dishes. Anne went to her assigned post, where she assisted the cook, one of the friendlier employees at the Home. In the middle of her work, Anne broke out into a harsh cough. Matilda, the cook, pityingly took out a little box from one of her innumerable capacious pockets. Opening it, she handed a cough drop to the little girl. "Just a little something to help your throat." Thankfully, Anne took it from the woman. Then she went back to her job thinking, "A cough drop—why that's almost as good as Christmas candy!"

Later that evening, when everyone else at the Home was asleep, the next day, after a comparatively sumptuous Christmas dinner, the children proceeded to the kitchen to help with the dishes. Anne went to her assigned post, where she assisted the cook, one of the friendlier employees at the Home. In the middle of her work, Anne broke out into a harsh cough. Matilda, the cook, pityingly took out a little box from one of her innumerable capacious pockets. Opening it, she handed a cough drop to the little girl. "Just a little something to help your throat." Thankfully, Anne took it from the woman. Then she went back to her job thinking, "A cough drop—why that's almost as good as Christmas candy!"

a small figure clad in a nightgown quietly arousing a sleeping child, could be detected sneaking down the hall into one of the bedrooms. She pressed something into his outstretched palm. Then she moved slowly on to another child and repeated the same procedure. Upon being awakened, the third child questioningly looked up into a face filled with a special kind of beauty.

He then felt something small and sticky being placed in his palm. Peering down, he saw glimmering in the rays of the street lamp outside, a shining irregularly shaped object, scarlet amber and golden orange in color. Its beauty dazzled his eyes momentarily, then he silently thanked the girl, as he slowly raised his hand to his mouth, and started to suck a quarter of a cough drop.

### Senior Reaches Finals In Miss Suburbia Match

Susi Weiss, a senior of home-room 310, was selected as a finalist in the "Miss Suburbia" contest, co-sponsored by Radio station WHK and the Greater Cleveland Weekly Newspaper Association. The finals were held at the WHK auditorium on December 17.

The contest winner will receive a \$500 mink stole, and a scholarship to the Earl Wheeler Finishing School. She is to represent station WHK in promotion next year, as well.

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Gift Shopping for Her:**She Might Forget Your Past  
If You Remember Her Present**

By Beth Glassman

"All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth" no longer applies to Shaker girls. Perfume, jewelry, and clothing head the list of gift suggestions for the weaker sex this year.

"Promise her anything, but give her Arpege." "When his gift shows he knows . . . you're ready for Chanel." Or even if the girl is out of the world, or should make every effort to get there fast, there's always "Heaven Scent" perfume.

Perfume can be mysterious, feminine, delicate or sophisticated, all depending on her Faberge, Evening in Paris, and Shalimar (Jeanie Davies' favorite) are always exquisite gifts. But perfume need not be expensive to be "aromatic" and appreciated.

If she must persist in "pillow talk," a guy can at least take comfort in the knowledge that it was he who sent the pillows! License plates, "Stop" signs and "No Parking" signs are only a few of the appropriate shapes pillows have taken today. If clothes are on the agenda and the size is uncertain, remember, when in doubt, to buy them a size too small and flatter the girl.

Though it is nice to give personalized gifts, necklaces with a boy's name scrawled across the front may become utterly useless after a few weeks. But in the way of jewelry, charms which are significant make wonderful gifts, especially if she has a charm bracelet.

Stationery for the girl who has been writing to a college boy while dating you, is a gift that should be given with care. She just might use it too much. Then there's always the case of a sentimental gift backfiring. It's not unusual to find a girl highly amused by a gift given with sincerest intent. Take for instance a photo with a heart-rending poem attached. Hysteria at a moment like this could be most detrimental to the mental stability of anyone.

But boys are not the only ones who make faux pas in gift giving. Many a girl knows just how to endear herself to that special boy's mother by giving him a cigarette lighter after his mom has promised him the moon if he'd stop

smoking.

Gifts with an intentional hint sometimes take effect. If a certain handknit sweater would be most appreciated, the yarn plus a pattern makes a good gift. Just hope she can knit. To be on the safe side, include Marilyn Monroe's and Linda Soss' names. They happen to be expert knitters.

Another gift with personal advantage attached would be driving lessons. No doubt there were many boys who experienced the mad desire for protection from the fiend at the wheel at the Sadie Hawkins Dance Check with Susie Geller or Karen Cortell for professional driving lessons. Then stay off the roads!

Be crafty and get in solid with les artistes by giving Craftin products to the artistic members on the Christmas list. Hand painted tiles and wastebaskets, not to mention the "paint by number" sets all make colorful gifts.

And don't be too modest! Many a Shakerite would be more than a little bit pleased to receive you, the giver, as a gift. This can usually be worked out with just a little bit of imagination.

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**Recreation Program****Features Gym, Swim**

A full and varied program of recreational activities is planned for the two-week Winter Vacation, December 21-31, reports the Shaker Heights Recreation Board.

The Senior High Boys' and Girls' gymnasiums will be available for use from 1:00 to 4:00 pm on Monday through Thursday each of the two weeks, and the Senior High swimming pool will be open from 1:00 to 2:00 these days. The cost for the swimming is 25 cents. Both the gymnasiums and the pool will be supervised.

**All five skating ponds in the city may be used, weather permitting, and hockey may be played on the Lomond School pond from 11:30 to 2:00 every day. In addition, Thornton Park will be supervised Monday through Friday of each week from 9:30 to 4:30 for skating.**

Also offered for those who prefer staying indoors is instruction in riflery, tennis, and golf. The fee is eight dollars for eight one-hour sessions Monday through Thursday each week. Those interested should contact the Recreation Board.

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Gift Shopping for Him:**Learning to Knit Can Solve  
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By Mike Frolik

For Christmas any boy would like a Ferrari-racing car with wire wheels, radio, overdrive, underdrive, and fan belt so that he can pull into the school parking lot at 120 mph.

But since this may seem a pinch too extravagant and dangerous for a Christmas present, girls may choose from any other gifts.

With the cold weather here for good, a new sweater especially a bright one that looks as if you are going skiing would be appreciated by any boy. If a girl would like to give her boyfriend an inexpensive, but useful gift cologne or after-shave lotion is a good idea.

The safety razor which is used in the shower is a good present if the boy shaves in the shower. Also a little more expensive, but very impressive gift would be one of the new electric shavers.

On the academic side a girl has a wide choice of pens from which to pick. She should, however, be sure to choose something masculine in a dark color. Another gift which would be enjoyed by a boy is a good book.

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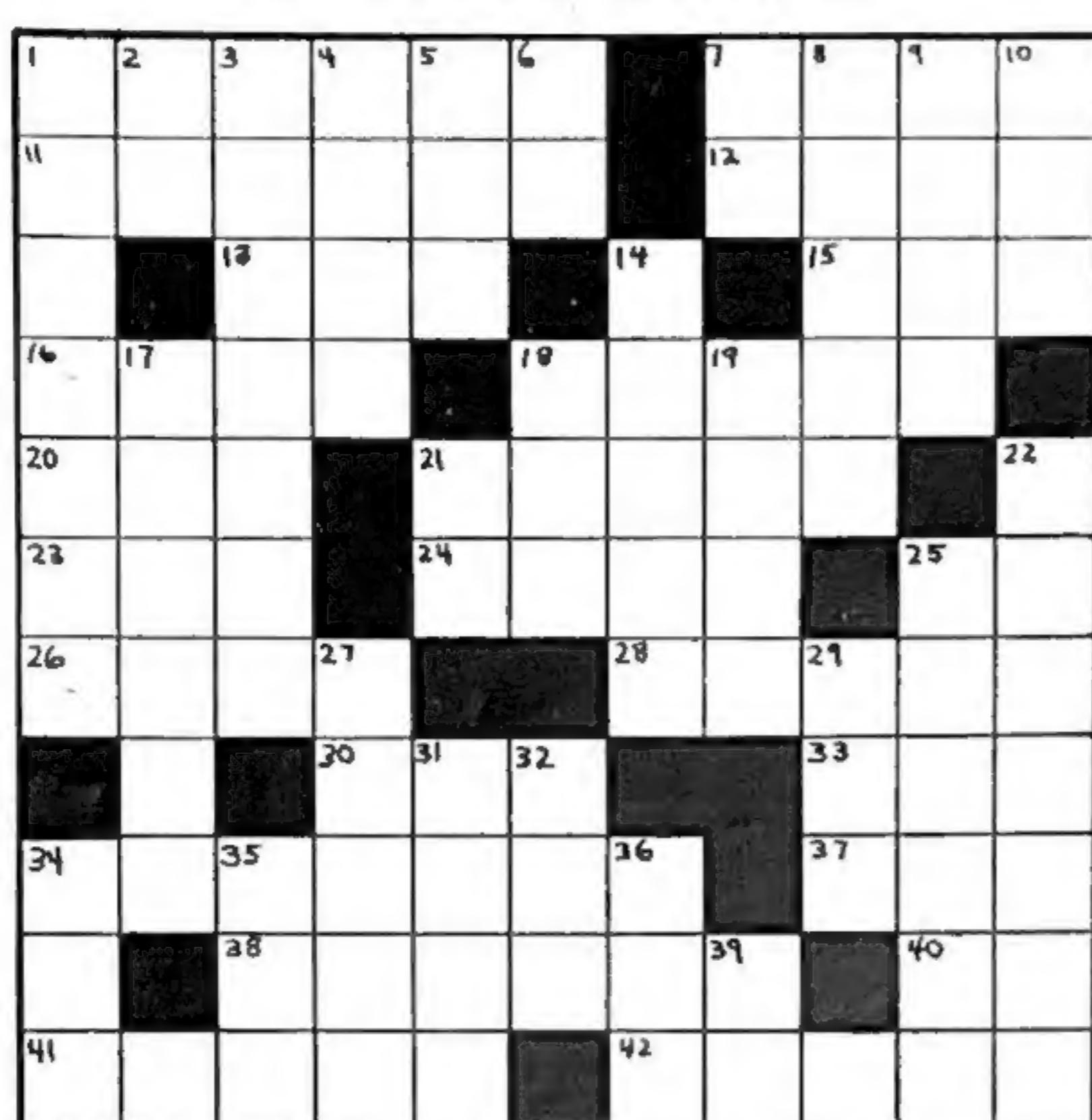
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## Muscle-Bound Mister Makes Athletic Activity Absurd

By Cub Reporter Rusty Speth

Mr. Narcissus Jones bounced into the center of the boys' gym. "Now, little ones," he bellowed, "today we will romp outside with gay abandon and play a new game." Having finished, Mr. Jones assumed his Marines-Attacking-Guadalcanal-Pose. He clenched his teeth and flexed his biceps.

"Good sir," a six-foot sophomore unafraid of man or beast asked, "what is the name of this game?"

Mr. Jones was still in his pose, staring introspectively at his upper arm muscle. "Sir!" yelled the sophomore. His chain of thought broken, Mr. Jones replied: "Lad, the game is called Picking Daisies. To the athletic field!" The class meandered slowly outside into the February morn.

"Before our game, small things, we will recite our non-sectarian, Good Housekeeping Approved prayer," spoke the physical education teacher. The students gathered in a small, comradely circle and chanted, heads bowed: "Blessed be the Shaker Dad's Club from whence all good things come!"

"Now for the game," Mr. Jones announced. "Place your young, puny, under-developed bodies parallel to the ground. Now, grasping a daisy firmly between your teeth,

raise yourselves with your arms And one, and two . . ."

Suddenly he yelled, "Stop!" and ran across the athletic field to the bleachers. There, sitting alone, was Oscar—who is small and wears glasses. Oscar is weak and puny and his daddy owns everything. Oscar is not like Mr. Jones.

"Here, here, Oscar, don't you want to join the gym class?" asked Mr. Jones. In reply, Oscar opened a snuffbox and set his trained maggots upon Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones corrected Oscar, who spat out incisors, one, two.

"Mr. Jones," the gym class wailed, "may we go in and dress? The bell is ringing!" Mr. Jones, hypnotized by his bulging muscle, paid no attention, he had achieved a new spiritual plane of existence. Flex, flex went the muscle.

The class huddled despairingly in the cold February wind. Flex, flex went the muscle.

## Thespians Initiate Eleven New Members, Graduates Meet at Christmas Reunion

When the final curtain was drawn for "On Borrowed Time," the work of Thespian Troupe 815 was not completed.

On Friday, December 11, 1959, eleven people were initiated into the National Dramatic Honorary Society, because they had accumulated fifty points or more by diligently working on at least two productions. The new members are:

Lee L'Orange, Ann Bromley, Donna Lee Pratt, Richard Abrams, Mike Lapiere, Carol Frolkis, Jackie Dostal, Jim Chaney, Paula Chrenka, Jo Ann Salter, Harvey Laidman.

As Thespians, these students are expected to participate actively in future school productions and lead in all dramatic endeavors. Organizing the initiation were the officers of the troupe: David Griffiths, president; Robert Nolan, vice-president; Peter Machamer, treasurer; Marilyn Berger, social chairman; and Irene Parker, secretary.

The Thespian Reunion will be held on December 22, at the home of Carolyn Blake, a former Thespian. Invitations will be limited to the membership of this year's and last year's troupes. The informal initiation will take place at the reunion.

## Prize-Winning Photographs To Appear in Ely Gallery

Forty-eight prize-winning photographs from the 14th annual Kodak High School Photo Contest will be shown in the Ely Gallery from January 4 to January 15.

In addition to the salon of prize winners, a group of seven special mounts will be included. This display—pictures and text—portrays the life of a student photographer who attends a technical institute that features photography, and should be of interest to all students.

The contest, to encourage the photographic talents of young people, is sponsored annually by Eastman Kodak Company, and is generally acknowledged to be the leading teen-age photo contest. The 1959 awards recognized stu-

## P.T.A. and Social Council Entertain Faculty Families at Staff Xmas Party

"Christmas, Christmas Time is here! Time for joy and time for cheer! We've been good, but we can't wait. Hurry, Christmas, DON'T BE LATE!" This little ditty has suddenly become the theme song of millions of little kiddies everywhere!

This year, as has been done in several past years, the P.T.A. and Social Council gave a Christmas Party for the children of the High School staff. Each member of the Social Council was in charge of one child for the afternoon. Some lucky Shaker Senior High student got to play with Thor Zednik, Bob Hennlen, Jean Sanna, or John Pickering for the afternoon of December 16th.

Each child received a present and sat on the knee of Bob Dery who VOLUNTEERED to be Santa Claus for the party. Every corner of the Girls' Gym was transformed into some magic wonderland for the afternoon. Clowns, magicians, balloons, cookies, and ice cream were abundant throughout the party.

In general, it was an afternoon of fun and frolic! It was merely a small way in which the Social Council thanked the staff members of the school for all they have done.

## Junior Achievement Teaches Business

"Learning By Doing" and "Business and Youth, Partners in Progress," the Junior Achievement motto, suggest the purpose and method of Junior Achievement, an international organization which provides high school students with the facilities and incentives to learn about Business operation.

The organization operates four "Business Centers" in the Cleveland area; two are located on the west side, one in Euclid, and one in East Cleveland. "Company" members, students who participate in the program, meet once weekly at the business center nearest to them. Prominent Cleveland firms sponsor the junior companies which number 113 in this area.

The student participants, or "Achievers," work on small crafts projects, such as leather or wood, which they package and sell. The instruction includes the topics of bookkeeping, secretarial work, safety, plant and business management, and sales. Tours of the plants and offices of sponsor companies supplement the program.

Shakerites active in the program include Pat Lunning, Lee L'Orange, Robert Dottore, and Robert Nolan who are members of the NorKraft Products Company which is sponsored by the Nickel Plate Railroad.

## Water, Water, Everywhere Creates Shaker's Duncan Hines of Water

By Stanley Bernstein

Although not a restaurant, the *Shakerite* does serve its readers. Therefore, as a public service to the students of Shaker High, the *Shakerite* here presents an exclusive report on the drinking fountain situation at Shaker.

The two basement drinking fountains divide evenly. The one by the elevator is barely cold enough, and has low pressure. The fountain by the Old Elbow Room is nothing short of excellent, having high pressure and cold water.

Fantastic! is the word for the fountain opposite Room 133 on the first floor. The watering trough by the Small Auditorium has good pressure, but only average temperature, and the one opposite Room 101 boasts terrific pressure and fairly good temperature. Poor temperature and pressure is the somber rating given to the water source by the Library.

As a rule, second floor fountains possess good pressure and temperature. Naturally, the electric fountains in the Cafeteria and Room 212 are simply the greatest when it comes to temperature, and satisfactory as regards pressure. By Room 202, patron saint of morning PA announcements, is a fountain of both mediocre temperature and pressure. The one located near Room 233 has good pressure but

only medium coldness. Fountains located by stairways seem to be doubly blessed, since both the fountain by the Up Stairs and the thirst-quencher by the Down Stairs are deserving of only highest praise.

Third floor inhabitants have access to only two fountains, the one by Room 310 being "cold enough" but having poor pressure, and the liquid dispenser opposite Room 303 having both good temperature and pressure.

Only one thing can be said for all the water fountains in the school—the water is wet. The crucial thirst-quencher in the Boys' Gym is nothing short of abominable, possibly being the cause of all our athletic shortcomings. A mecca for all true water connoisseurs is the ephemeral fountains situated on the athletic field and attached to the stadium and unsurpassed for their refreshing coolness and high pressure.

And that is the *Shakerite's* Complete Guide for Water Lovers, compiled and edited by an expert—who has water on the brain.

## REVIEW OF SHAKER HIGH FONTS

EXCELLENT: Old Elbow Room, 133, Girls' Gym, Cafeteria, 212, By Up and Down Stairs on second floor.

FAIR: Small, Aud., 202, 233.

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Entries in the 14th annual contest were judged by a panel of five

## Powerful Mermen Smash Euclid; Waldo Breaks Record in Win

By Andy Krottinger

Two records were set and many others challenged as J. P. Stark's aquamen made their season debut by smashing Euclid, 72-11, on December 4. The Raiders were especially jubilant since this same team had beaten them last season.

The mermen took a first place in every event, starting with the 40-yard freestyle which Tom Stevens won with a time of 19.2. Shaker took a one-two in the 100-yard fly, sophomore Bill Hass in the first position followed closely by Tom West. Following a victory in the 200-yard freestyle by Jim Marshall, the backstroke combination of Woodruff and Bell won their event, placing first and second respectively. The next event, the 100-yard breaststroke, found Shaker's captain, Bob Waldo, in close competition with sophomore Bill Smith, also swimming for the Raiders. Waldo edged out Smith and in so doing shattered the old school record with a time of 1:09.8 (The old record of 1:09.7 was held by T. Adler). Shaker's first place in the 100-yard freestyle, with Carl Weaver the victor, put the the Raiders way ahead of despairing Euclid.

Two junior divers, Mickey Smith and Brad Laycock, took a first and second respectively in the diving for the Raiders. In the 160-yard relay, a new event this year, Tom West established a new school and pool record with a time of 1:53.9. Coach Stark looked on proudly as Schultz, Smith, Leuten, and Davies won the 160-yard relay. They were followed by a victory in the 160-yard freestyle by Stevens, Frolkis, Brown, and Sanders. The final tally in this grand sweep was Shaker 72, Euclid 14.

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Answers to Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1, Camera; 7, stay; 11, Orange; 12, Tome; 13, Rds; 15, Dot; 16, Cccs; 18, Fleas; 20, Ohio; 21, Ruddy; 23, Men; 24, Bred; 25, So; 26, Bric; 28, Ryatt; 30, Ada; 33, Due; 34, Glaring; 37, Dar; 38, Bantam; 40, Ri; 41, Grate; 42, Paste.

Down: 1, Coxcomb; 2, Ar; 3, Marconi; 4, Ends; 5, Rgs; 6, Ae; 7, St; 8, Today; 9, Amos; 10, Yet; 14, Elder; 17, Cheryl; 18, Fur; 19, Eddy; 21, Rb; 22, Coterie; 25, Stuart; 27, Carat; 29, Add; 31, Dine; 32, Ant; 34, Gag; 35, Aba; 36, Gap; 39, Ma



Mike Marino taps the ball to an expectant Tom Stone in the Raiders' Orange win. Others in picture are Bo Schneider and Chuck Cianciolo.

## Raiders Edge Orange; Trounce Brush; Stone, Oviatt, Schneider Outstanding

By Sam Schnall

Promising junior Tom Stone and senior standouts Rick Oviatt and Bo Schneider led the Shaker cage squad to easy triumphs over Orange and Brush in the Raiders' first two games of the basketball season.

On Thanksgiving Eve the Raiders staved off a desperate Orange rally in the final quarter and hung on for a 50-43 victory. Stone, the only Shaker junior on the floor, poured in 23 points, 17 of them in the first half, take scoring honors. Tom Ehrke, the Lions 6-5 center, was a distant second with 14 points, but he fought Oviatt to a standoff on the backboards.

### Raiders Rally

The matmen boast a fairly well-balanced squad this year with many boys on the JayVee squad ready to step up to varsity positions if the need arises. However, the Raiders lack depth at the 120, 127, and heavyweight positions. Another obstacle encountered by the matmen has been the difficulty found by some of the boys in making weight. It is hoped that with a little work and more dieting this situation can be quickly corrected.

In their home opener on December 5, the Raiders took the lead from the start and went on to overpower Brush, 45-27. Apparently the Aces were waiting for Stone, but while they held him scoreless, Schneider pumped in 12 points, and Oviatt led the scoring with 15 while dominating the rebounding. Tim Markey and Steve Jaenson topped the scoring for Brush with six points apiece.

### Take half-time lead

Shaker outscored the visitors in



Stick stretches in an attempt for two in the Raiders' Orange victory

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## Sophomores Roll Over Poor Foes

Showing plenty of talent and much promise for the future, the JayVee basketball squad, piloted by Ed Stoch, matched the varsity's fine start by overpowering their first two opponents Orange and Brush.

In the game played at Orange on Thanksgiving eve, the Raiders displayed their potential by soundly drubbing the Tigers, 49 to 31. Leading the Shaker five to victory were high scorers Ron Mesnick and Bob Rawson with 12 and 16 points respectively.

The JayVees successfully weathered their second test also as they downed the Brush Aces 42-22 in their first home game of the season, Saturday, December 5. The game was a rout from the very beginning. The Aces played as though they were engaged in a comedy instead of a basketball game. At halftime the scoreboard read Shaker 24, Brush 7. The final score is really not representative of the slaughter since Coach Stoch played his bench for most of the second half. Leading the Raiders on to victory were Williams with 6 points, Goats with 7, Humphrey with 8, and Mesnick with 9.

With these two victories under their belts, the true test of the team will come in the next few games as they contend with L.E.L. competition.

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Not usually given to eulogizing Shaker sports teams so early in the season, I feel I must, however, break precedent in view of the outstanding performance witnessed last Saturday night. The Cagers' defense was strong, their shooting near perfect—15 out of 25 for a torrid 60%—and their stalled offense continually frustrated the fast-breaking Rangers. Nevertheless, they did lose but only in the last 54 seconds and only to the top-ranked team in the city. Unfortunately the Raiders did have possession of the ball at the beginning of that hectic minute before Jim Keener popped in the jump shot.

On paper Lakewood undoubtedly had the superior team. They're faster, taller, and dead from the outside. Furthermore, Shaker's first two games had been played against independent schools that will hardly be much of a threat in their respective leagues this year. In the actual game, though, there was not much of a discrepancy between the two squads. The Raider's deadly shooting compensated for Lakewood's height advantage and their offense slowed down the pace of play. Bruce Baiman's quick bucket gave Shaker their vital lead over the cocky Rangers and they never slipped behind until the third quarter. Frankly I thought the game was over then as Shaker's slowed-down offense is not effective unless they are ahead, but the eagles rebounded to tie it up in the final two minutes. Then they lost the game but won quite a few extra fans for the 1959-60 season.

### Heights Tomorrow

For some inexplicable reason the Shaker basketball game tomorrow night coincides with the Christmas dance. In any event, for those who plan to support their school, this game should prove one of the most interesting L.E.L. tilts of the season. Heights, who also dropped their opener, will be gunning for their first L.E.L. victory. If Shaker continues to flip in 15 out of every 25 shots and maintains their solid defense, they should be able to win, even on a stage.

With three victories under their belts and a host of new records on the board, Paul Stark's mermen seem headed for a most successful season. Currently the mermen are experimenting with heavy and light practice sessions before their various meets to try to discover which affects the scoreboard most. Competition within the team is another factor contributing to the swimmers' success. The fight between captain Bob Waldo and sophomore Bill Smith for first place honors in the breaststroke has already resulted in two records being shattered. Doug Bell and Al Woodruff in the backstroke would fall into the same "competition" category.